

Senator Miller has a bill which, as all of Senator Miller's bills do receive, will receive very diligent attention when it appears before us. I don't think it does away with the office. I think what it does is it indicates that those services may be appointed, or contracted, or the responsibilities that are there in the statute for county superintendent, under Senator Miller's bill, I don't believe will vanish, but they will be handled in a different fashion. Is that.... I will yield part of my time you yielded to me to Senator Miller so he can explain his bill.

SENATOR MILLER: The answer to that question is, there will be an opportunity for this Legislature to allow county commissioners or boards to appoint county superintendents, and we will remove the election process of that body, of that position.

SENATOR HARTNETT: There will still be a county superintendent, somebody will serve that function? Is that your....

SENATOR MILLER: There will still be a county superintendent if the county commissioners desire to have one appointed. If they think that they can provide the duties, that the county superintendent has been provided in other ways, they will opt for that option.

SENATOR HARTNETT: I guess my point is if it is up to the county superintendent to do what Senator Dierks' wants to do, and there is nobody there serving that function, who is going to do it. I guess I have no problem with what he is trying to do, but I heard the rumor that there was something to do away with the county superintendents. So, that is my concern, if we are going to put this in the statute now and then have to make some changes later on. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Nelson, please. Then Senator Haberman.

SENATOR NELSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, even though I serve on Education, I was giving another bill of mine and did not have an opportunity, except in the Exec Session and so on. I actually have some very grave reservations about this bill, not that the county superintendent or so on. It seems to me like it is fairly well open-ended. In this, I will use this scenario, you know we have a lot of people grasping to change to another school district for some reason or another, maybe considerable lower tax valuation or their taxes, or maybe they